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POLI'S

Of all cities in the world, the American traveller, as a rule, is most anxious to see Paris. The very name of the French capital is a synonym for gaiety and pleasure. But there is another side of Parisian life, invisible to tourists, although not wholly unknown to Americans, thanks to the newspapers. It is the Parisian underworld, in which dwell those strange creatures known as "The Apaches," so-called after the famous American Indians of that name. These strange people live in a quarter of their own—anywhere beyond the ken of the police—and their lives is a strange mixture of comedy, tragedy, crime and punishment. It is a drama on the lives of these people, a glimpse into their hidden existence—that is, as told by "The Queen of the Moulin Rouge," the headline act appearing at Poli's this week. It is presented by the original company which made famous the name, "Queen of the Moulin Rouge," and is positively the biggest vaudeville act to appear on the stage of this local theatre. Included in it is the remarkable "Apache dance," about which so much has been said.

Admirers of delightful comedy will be overjoyed at the coming of Harry Tate's highly amusing production, "Motoring," which is another of the attractions at Poli's this week. It is a most keenly amusing satire of automobile and so screamingly funny that no one will be more appreciative of the fun than the automobilists at whom it is poked.

Another delightful feature of this week's bill is "The Two Pucks," Harry and Eva, a versatile young man and very clever and charming young woman who have a highly artistic and amusing singing and dancing act with many "characters," all extremely well done making a typical vaudeville melange.

This week's bill is replete with comedy of the better sort. Not the least attractive act in this line is that of Granville and Rogers, unique comedians, who are favorites wherever they appear.

The Zara-Carmen troupe presents a novelty act that is sure to interest the theatre-goers.

Don't fail to see the wonderfully clever \$1,000 prize dog "Topsy," of "Tops, Topsy, & Tops."

Some corking good pictures by the Electrophone complete the week's bill. Don't fail to see them.

President Taft Decides When It's Whiskey

Washington, Dec. 27.—The definition of the word "Whiskey" by the highest American legal authority was given when President Taft rendered the final decision on the subject in connection with the construction of the Food Law with reference to labeling.

The President held that whiskey made of neutral spirits is whiskey when reduced to potable strength.

Two Women Rescued From Burning Building

A clothes closet fire in the forty-family tenement house at 118 Oak street, New Haven, Saturday night, resulted in the death of Mrs. Mollie Greenberg, a woman upwards of 80 years of age. She was lying in her room on the apartment across the hall from that in which the fire started. She was ill and unable to leave her bed. The smoke from the fire was very dense and as a result the woman was being suffocated when Ladderman James Duncan of truck company No. 2 heard her moaning and rushed in and carried her out. He was almost overcome in his act of rescue.

MAN TAKEN FROM CHURCH FOR DISTURBING SERVICE

While Father Fitzgerald, pastor of St. Rose's church in New Haven, was addressing the congregation at the 5:30 o'clock mass Christmas morning a man seated half way down the center aisle interrupted the pastor by speaking out loud at intervals during the service. Some of the man's remarks were offensive and finally the assistants and members of the parish found it necessary to take the man out of the pew and walk him out of the church.

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STRATFORD

Miss Frances Russell was in town on Saturday, upon her return from New York, where she had been to visit her brother, Robert, who was a victim of the railroad accident in North Carolina. She found him at his rooms, suffering with several ribs fractured, one of which penetrated one of his lungs. He has been removed to the summer residence of Mr. George Gould, Georgian Court, at Lakewood, N. J. It appears that at the time of the accident he found himself pinned down in four feet of water, with all he could do to keep his head above the water. It was very dark, and a furious cold storm of sleet was raging. Not until some hours after the smash-up was he rescued, and all this time his feet were in cold water.

Since the ideal snowstorm struck the town on Christmas day, some of our good old folks are not so sure the climate is changing for the better. The drifts on Patterson avenue were so high they kept many people within doors all day.

Very soon now the library course of lectures will begin, with discourses from Dr. Patterson and Prof. Phelps, of Yale.

Mrs. Platt of Milford, has been visiting Mrs. M. L. Beach.

Many people were surprised to hear of the marriage of two of our popular young folks—Henry F. Wheeler, aged 24, and Susan Evetts, daughter of Horace Evetts, aged 22.

Tomorrow evening the Order of the Eastern Star proposes to celebrate Old Home night. A number of ladies and gentlemen have the affair in charge, including Misses Martha Townroe, and Nellie Wakelee and Mrs. Cora Dorn and Mrs. Sarah Wilcox. The Messrs. Wakelee are also interested.

There was no meeting last week of the Afternoon Bridge club, out of respect for Christmas.

Mr. Clifford Bailey, an architect from Boston, has been in town, his visit being surmised to be in connection with the plans for a new school house at Hollister Heights.

Roger Briggs is home from the Yale forestry school.

A game planer was to have been given yesterday by W. B. Tuttle, at his bungalow.

E. E. Bliss has found employment in Bridgeport.

During January Rev. C. S. Bullock is to deliver a course of lectures in New York city before the schools, on educational topics.

Tonight is the evening set for a meeting of the candidates for membership in the Congregational church. There was excellent music last evening at Christ church. Among the pieces rendered were: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "O Glorious Morn," "O Babe Divine," and "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices."

Those who took part in the Christmas tree festival at the Congregational church were Deacon P. P. Haven, Miss Allen, Elmer Cavetti, Eva Fritchard, Rev. Arthur Shiple, Dr. Packard, Margaret Beach and Donald Stevenson. Deacon Haven represented Santa Claus, and among the other presents was a copy of a new edition of Webster's dictionary, for Dr. Packard.

Those who took part in the Christmas music at St. James' yesterday were Joseph Castelletto, Edward Cullen, John Castelletto, Fred Downey, Miss Mary McQuillan, Miss Marie Quill and Miss Sarah L. L. L.

The late Christina, Lettice left an estate inventoried at \$3,074.

The estate of Santa Claus and Good Cheer will be given by the Neighborhood Church tomorrow evening.

The theme last night taken by Rev. Mr. Bullock at his church was: "The Greatest Christmas Gift, the Perfect Man."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson had a house party yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Markham of Thompson, have made a brief visit in town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meachen, Sr., went to New Jersey for their Christmas.

Mrs. Elmer Beardsley has recently been quit ill.

WESTPORT

A few evenings since, at the parsonage of the Congregational church, there was an old fashioned donation party for Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor. All kinds of fruits and vegetables by the barrel and box, groceries, honey, preserves, etc., were sent to grace the Christmas Tree of Love, and besides Mr. Taylor was presented with an envelope containing \$50 in green.

Mr. Boyden, principal of the Staples High school, acted as master of ceremonies. A number of finely bound volumes of books were presented. A lot of books invaded the kitchen to suggest a supper for some 70 covers. There was music and singing by Mrs. Arthur B. Jelliffe, Miss Blackstone of Bridgeport, and Mr. Isaac B. Wake.

The affair was not only successful but a genuine surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

The local Fire Department has held an election of officers, and by a vote of 9 to 8 made Edgar H. Perry chief. The assistants are Frank Warren and John Lawrence. The other officers are as follows: F. N. Taylor, president; George S. Glover, vice president; John P. Coyle, secretary; John W. Gault, treasurer, and Dr. John M. Nolan, department physician.

Since the big snow storm struck the town nothing more is heard about sewers, new trolley rails on Riverside avenue, new sidewalks, or the consumption of oysters by star fish.

The new postmaster for Saugatuck is Joseph Morton, who will receive a salary of \$1,200. The clerks will be as heretofore, Patrick Oates and Eva

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Jelliffe. There was a Christmas festival at Christ church yesterday afternoon.

The late E. M. Lee, who died in the hospital a few days ago, was a well-known lawyer in town, as well as a veteran of the Civil War.

The late Dr. Underwood left property valued at \$30,797. By will it all goes to his wife.

Edith Youngs, who recently got a divorce from her husband in the New York courts, has spent several summers at Compo Inn, and is well known to many local residents.

Town Clerk Hyatt was taken sick on Friday and closed his office at noon and went home. He is now somewhat improved.

Mr. S. A. Purdy has opened a law office in the Quinlan building.

The pastor of the Greens Farms church took yesterday for his theme: "No Room in the Inn."

Some regret is expressed over the fact that Mr. Graham, the new superintendent of the public schools, is to reside in Fairfield.

Supt. Heath of the local trolley line spent his Christmas in Boston.

Mrs. Mary L. Crossman has gone to Uxbridge, Mass., for the winter.

John Allen is again able to attend to his duties at the railroad bridge. He has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Emily Beers spends the winter in Bridgeport.

There was a proposition to hold a prize fight in town on New Year's evening, under the thin guise of a "smoker," at the Opera house, but Mr. Toquet, the owner of the hall, vetoed the project.

The funeral of Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, father of Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Trinity church. He died suddenly last Thursday evening at the Episcopal rectory. He had for a long time been senior warden of Calvary church, Bayonne, but came to this town in May, 1907.

Charles and George Meyers came

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